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Mathias Pauls et al

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AMENDMENT

MS: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 2, 2008, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on Page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 4.